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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

SOUTH VIETNAMESE URGE THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS: ON NOVEMBER 7, A GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (GVN) SPOKESMAN TOLD THARASSEMBLED SAIGON DIPLOMAHRR CORPS THAT THE GVN REJECTS THE COMMUNISTS' DEMAND THAT PRESIDENT THIEU RESIGN AND CALLS UPON THEM TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE IN PARIS. THBXUQLQERAL TALKS IN PARIS HAV XBEEN SUSPENDED SINCE MAY 13, 1974, WHEN THE COMMUNIST "PRG" DELEGATION "INDEFINITELY" SUSPENDED ITS PARTICIPATION. THE GVN ANNOUNCEMENT MOST LIVELY IS IN RESPONSE TO RECENT OPPOSITIONIST CRITICISM THAT PRESIDJQT THIEU IS NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING TO ENES THE WAR AND TO ACHIEVE RECONCILIATION WITH THE COMMUNISTIST PEOPLE IS CLEARLY ACTING TO PLACE THE BLAME ON THE COMMUNISTS FOR THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN REACHING A POLITICAL SETTLEMENTBM./ THE COMMUNISTIST HAS PUBLICLY DECLARED THAT IT WILL NO LONGER NEGOTIATE WITH A GOVERNMENT HEADED BY THIEU; THERE- XREXQFIHAMELL UNDOUBTEDLY REJECT THIEU'S APPEW

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FORES, IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REJECT THIEUB'S APPEWKAT OF HAND.

COUP ATTEMPT IN BOLIVIA: EARLY YESTERDAY, ELEMENTS OF THE NATIONALIST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, BOLIVIA'S LARGEST PARTY AND A PARTICIPANT IN THE CUJJEFW GOVERNING COALITION, INITIATED A COUP ATTEMPT IN SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA. THE COUP ATTEMPT WAS STAGED BY JULIO PRADO ALONG WITH A SPLINTER GROUP OF THE BOLIVIAN SOCIALIST FALANGE, A RIGHTIST POLITICAL PARTY WHICH IS ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE COALITION AND WHICH IS LED BY EXILED SXARLOS VAL RDE. WITH THE SUPPORT OF ELEMENTS OF THE MANCHEGO REGIMENT OF THE 8TH ARMY DIVISION IN SANTA CRUZ, THEY TOOK CONTROL OF MOST OF THE CITY AND TWO RADIO STATIONS. NO MILITARY SUPPORT MATERIALIZED ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY, HOWEVER, AND NATIONAL GEADERS OF BOTH KXKXK PARTIES DECLARED SUPPORT FOR THE BANZER GOVERNMECU. THE BANZER GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED A STATE OF SIEGE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND INSTITUTED MEDIA CENSORSHIP. BANZER HIMSELF LED A PARATROOP FORCE AIRLIFTED FROM COCHABAMBA AGAINST THE REBELS. BOTH SIDES HAVE CONSISTENTLY CLAIMED TOTAL VICTORY, AND EREXVATORIONOMESEENDNS CONFUSED. FIGHTING WAS REPORTED KX

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SANTA CRUZ YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, DESPITE REPORTS THAT THE REBEL ARMY UNITS HAD RETURNED TO BARRACKS. APPARENTLY THE CONTINUING RESISTANCE IS DUE TO ARMED CIVILIAN SUPPORT. GIVEN THE FAILURE OF MILITARY AND ORGANIZED POLITICAL SUPPORT TO MATERIALIZE, THE GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESS IN QUELLING THE REVOLT APPEARS ASSURED. THIS WILL GIVE BANZER THE PRETEXT HE HAS BEEN SEEKING TO ANNOUNCE THE CANCELLATION OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT JUNE. HE HAD ALREADY DECIDED ON CANCELLATION AND PLANNED TO RELATE IT TO A POSSIBLE OUTBREAK OF CONFLICT BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU. CANCELLATION OF ELECTIONS WILL, HOWEVER, PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT DISCONTENT AMONG CIVIL AND POLITICAL ELEMENTS.

SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS HANOI PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT PARIS AGREEMENT: AMBASSADOR STRAUER-HUPE HAS CABLED FROM STOCKHOLM THAT ON NOVEMBER 5, SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSON TOLD HIM SWEDEN HAS "RELIABLE INFORMATION" THAT NORTH VIETNAM IS MAKING A MASSIVE DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS TOWARD SOUTH VIETNAM. ANDERSON BELIEVES PRESIDENT THIEU'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS MAY TEMPT HANOI TO LAUNCH AN ALL-OUT ATTACK. ANDERSON ALSO SAID HE "UNDERSTANDS" HANOI WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO A PROPOSAL BY THE THIEU GOVERNMENT TO "START UP AGAIN THE MACHINERY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PARIS TREATY." RECALLING YOUR REQUEST TO INTERCEDE WITH NVN, ANDERSON ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE PASSED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THE NOVEMBER 7 GVN STATEMENT URGING RESUMPTION OF GVN-PRG TALKS IN PARIS SHOULD TEST ANDERSON'S BELIEF THAT HANOI IS SERIOUS. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE IS READY TO TALK TO THIEU AFTER HAVING CALLED FOR HIS OUSTER AND STATED ITS REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER WITH THIEU. (QUINN/STEARMAN)

WEST EUROPEANS MAY REEXAMINE NEGOTIATING POSITION AT MBFR: THE WEST EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE VIENNA FORCE REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS ARE THINKING OF CALLING FOR A REEXAMINATION OF THE WESTERN NEGOTIATING POSITION. THE ITALIANS HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE EC NINE DISCUSS THE MATTER AMONG THEMSELVES BEGINNING TODAY BEFORE TAKING IT UP IN NATO.

THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY FEELS THAT THE UK IS MAKING A GENUINE EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE OTHER WEST EUROPEANS TO REEXAMINE THE WESTERN POSITIONS THAT THE U.S. AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS PRECEDE WEST AND EAST EUROPEAN REDUCTIONS AND THAT A "COMMON CEILING" BE IMPOSED ON NATO AND WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THE ITALIANS ATTRIBUTE THE BRITISH INITIATIVE TO THE UK'S DESIRE TO REDUCE ITS OWN FORCES AND TO THE WILSON GOVERNMENT'S LIMITED INTEREST IN EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION.

THE ITALIANS ALSO NOTE THAT THE DUTCH, UNDER DOMESTIC PRESSURE TO MAKE TROOP REDUCTIONS, HAVE BEGUN TO RETHINK THEIR POLICY TOWARD THE FORCE REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THE

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BELGIANS ARE AT LEAST NOT AVERSE TO SUCH RETHINKING. THE
BELGIANS RECENTLY SUGGESTED THAT THE WEST NEEDED A NEW EMPHA-
SIS IN VIENNA, GIVEN THE FACT THAT DISCUSSIONS OF PHASING
HAD GOTTEN NOWHERE IN VIENNA AND THAT SOME WEST EUROPEANS
WERE FEELING INCREASING PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC PRESSURE
TO ACHIEVE SAVINGS.

THE ITALIANS THEMSELVES THINK THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO
CONSIDER CHANGES IN THE WESTERN POSITION, BUT THEY DO NOT
FAVOR ABANDONING BASIC ELEMENTS LIKE THE COMMON CEILING
AND THE PHASED APPROACH. THEY SUGGEST THAT THE EC NINE
MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, DISCUSS WHAT ASPECTS OF THE WESTERN
POSITIONS ARE MOST LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS. (GATES)

JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS NIGERIA: JAPANESE FOREIGN
MINISTER MINURA VISITED NIGERIA NOVEMBER 1 TO 3. DISCUSSIONS
WITH PRESIDENT GOWON FOCUSED ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND BILATERAL
MATTERS. KIMURA SAID PUBLICLY THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICABLE
TO PUT AN END TO JAPANESE TRADE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA,
BUT HE PROMISED GRADUAL REDUCTION. HE SAID HIS COUNTRY IN-
J ENDED TO IMPORT MORE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM INDEPENDENT
BLACK AFRICA AND EXPLAINED THAT GOWON HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITA-
TION FOR A STATE VISIT TO JAPAN AT A FUTURE TIME. (HORAN)

BRAZIL TO ABSTAIN IN OAS: THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS IN-
FORMED US, AND IS INFORMING SOME OTHER OAS MEMBER COUNTRIES,
THAT IT WILL ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS
AGAINST CUBA WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING OF FOR-
EIGN MINISTERS IN QUITO. THE BRAZILIANS ALSO INDICATED THAT
THEY WOULD TAKE NO ACTION TO INFLUENCE THE POSITIONS OF OTHER
NATIONS ON THE QUESTION. THE SPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION TO
LIFT THE SANCTIONS HAVE NOT YET OBTAINED SUFFICIENT VOTES TO
ASSURE PASSAGE AND ARE ACTIVELY MAKING DEMARCHES TO GOVERN-
MENTS WHOSE POSITIONS ARE NOT YET DEFINED OR PUBLIC. (LOW)

TERRORISTS KILL OFFICER IN ARGENTINA: APPARENTLY IN REACTION
TO THE INSTITUTION OF A STATE OF SIEGE BY THE ARGENTINE GOV-
ERNMENT WEDNESDAY, TERRORISTS THURSDAY KILLED AN ARMY MAJOR
IN SANTA FE, WHICH IS ABOUT 300 MILES NORTH OF BUENOS AIRES.
TERRORIST GROUPS ALSO SET FIRE TO ABOUT 20 MILITARY BUSES AT
A FACTORY AND RAIDED A BUSY COMMUTER RAILROAD STATION ELSE-
WHERE IN THE COUNTRY. THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR INDICATED THAT
THE STATE OF SIEGE HAD BEEN INSTITUTED AT LEAST IN PART BE-
CAUSE OF TERRORIST THREATS TO KILL SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEACHERS
AND TO BOMB SCHOOLS. SINCE THE GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAS MOST OF
THE POWERS THAT A STATE OF SIEGE ENTAILS UNDER THE RECENTLY
ENACTED ANTISUBVERSION LAW, THE SIEGE MEASURE IS NOT LIKELY
TO PRODUCE SOLID GAINS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE TERRORISTS.
IT WILL, HOWEVER, GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF DECISIVE GOVERNMENT
ACTION. THE DECLARATION HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE MILITARY
HIGH COMMAND AND WILL PROBABLY BE APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS
WHEN IT RECONVENES AFTER ITS CURRENT RECESS. (LOW)

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MEXICO OFFERS ASYLUM: THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLICLY
ANNOUNCED ITS OFFER TO THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO GRANT
ASYLUM TO LAURA ALLENDE, FORMER PRESIDENT ALLENDE'S SISTER,
WHO WAS ARRESTED RECENTLY FOR INVOLVEMENT IN SUBVERSIVE
ACTIVITIES. (LOW)

BOMBINGS IN QUITO: BOMBS HAVE EXPLODED OR HAVE BEEN FOUND
AT THE BOLIVIAN AND PARAGUAYAN EMBASSIES IN QUITO, WHERE
THE OAS MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL OPEN TODAY TO DIS-
CUSS CUBA SANCTIONS. ANOTHER EXPLODED AT A BRAZILIAN-CON-
NECTED INSTITUTE. ALL THREE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN OPPOSED
TO LIFTING THE CUBA SANCTIONS. (LOW)

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